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SUTURES Examiner: Gary Jackson

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2005 please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file for the above-identified application. In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet. Applicant submits these amendments and remarks serve to clarify the present invention and are independent of patentability.

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